

108TH CONGRESS
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H. CON. RES. 279

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the significance of the anniversary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship Program, and reaffirming the commitment to support the use of science in governmental decisionmaking through such Program.

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Whereas Congress hosted the American Association for the Advancement of Science's (AAAS) first Congressional Science and Engineering Fellows 30 years ago in 1973;

Whereas the AAAS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship Program was the first to provide an opportunity for Ph.D.-level scientists and engineers to learn about the policymaking process while bolstering the tech-

nical expertise available to Members of Congress and staff;

Whereas Members of Congress hold the AAAS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship Program in high regard for the substantial contributions that Fellows have made, serving both in personal offices and on committee staff;

Whereas the Congress is increasingly involved in public policy issues of a scientific and technical nature and recognizes the need to develop additional in-house expertise in the areas of science and engineering;

Whereas more than 800 individuals have held AAAS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowships since 1973;

Whereas the AAAS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellows represent the full range of physical, biological, and social sciences, and all fields of engineering;

Whereas the AAAS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellows bring to the Congress new insights and ideas, extensive knowledge, and perspectives from a variety of disciplines;

Whereas the AAAS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellows learn about legislative, oversight, and investigative activities through assignments that offer a wide array of responsibilities;

Whereas AAAS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowships provide an opportunity for scientists and engineers to transition into careers in government service; and

Whereas many former AAAS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellows return to their disciplines and share

knowledge with students and peers to encourage more scientists and engineers to participate in informing government processes: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) recognizes the significance of the anniver-
4 sary of the American Association for the Advance-
5 ment of Science Congressional Science and Engi-
6 neering Fellowship Program;

7 (2) acknowledges the value of 30 years of par-
8 ticipation by the American Association for the Ad-
9 vancement of Science Congressional Science and En-
10 gineering Fellows; and

11 (3) reaffirms its commitment to support the use
12 of science in governmental decisionmaking through
13 the American Association for the Advancement of
14 Science Congressional Science and Engineering Fel-
15 lowship Program.

Passed the House of Representatives October 28,
2003.

Attest:

Clerk.